

Dear Governor Atiyeh,

Here is the draft of Janine and my article we wrote about you, please attach any changes you would like to make. When you are finished, with the changes, please drop the envelope off in my mailbox (3935 SW 75th Ave.) Also there is an invitation to a special luncheon the school is having to honor you and the other guests. Thank you and we hope you can come!

sincerely,

Janine + Helen Davis

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A Look into the Past to Improve the Future:

An Interview with Governor Atiyeh

Helen Davis and Janine Kritschgau

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Atiyeh is a politician to remember, as Governor of Oregon, but also as an exceptional human being. Our opportunity to interview Governor Atiyeh brought back the stories of Oregon's development and early history. In a sense, we felt as though we were traveling back into the twenties, a time that seems completely unfamiliar to today's youth. As we stepped inside his comfortable home and the interview started, the room transformed into a classroom.

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Governor Atiyeh ^{WENT TO} graduated from the University of Oregon, yet still did not have any political aspirations. It wasn't until after friends suggested he run for ^{THE LEGISLATURES} Governor of Oregon, that he considered a political career. This humble figure describes how his career simply fell into place, he did not spend a lot of time thinking about becoming a politician he, "Just did it."

Governor Atiyeh ran for Governor in 1974 and lost. Even though he lost, the experience running for Governor was very valuable to him. When asked if running was worth it, he responded, "Yes it was worth it. [It was a] marvelous experience." Though he lost the election, he did not change any of his values to win the next election in 1978. Many including his wife, Dolores, whom is his life companion and biggest supporter, supported him. This is a testament to his deep care and devotion to others, a very admiral quality.

Governor Atiyeh fought for many things while in office. He strived to end drunk driving accidents. He told a story about a couple who were driving and the man was under the influence. The man crashed and, unfortunately, the woman died. He explained how the judge gave him another chance to prove himself, but the woman never got a second chance in her life. He started international and domestic trade missions by opening the first overseas trade office in Tokyo, Japan. Another accomplishment he achieved was creating the first statewide food bank in the nation, Oregon Food Share. When congress changed the law on receiving food stamps, the number of people hungry increased. Governor Atiyeh was inspired to eliminate all hunger in Oregon, because, "We can't wait, these people are hungry." Governor Atiyeh also successfully passed laws to

decrease racial harassment. He treasures Eleanor Roosevelt's words, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."